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26 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. An Information Report (OO-F) was issued 22 March describing the characteristics and idiosyncracies of Persian-language performance by announcers heard on the clandestine radio "Voice of Free Iran." [redacted] 50X1
2. Radio Damascus announcements on 28 March that the Syrian military had dissolved parliament and sealed the borders were intercepted and filed by the Mediterranean Bureau in time to beat the AP by one hour and a quarter. The domestic news agency also trailed FBIS by more than a half-hour in reporting the ousting of Argentine President Frondizi the same day. The Panama Post supplied the initial Latin American report from an intercept of the Montevideo radio. [redacted] 50X1
3. The text of Premier Fidel Castro's lengthy press statement 26 March castigating ORI national directorate member Anibal Escalante and advocating collective leadership of the Cuban Revolution was the subject of a 46-page area supplement issued 29 March. [redacted] 50X1
4. In response to a special request from OCI, a roundup of Cuban radio propaganda beamed to Latin American countries has been prepared weekly by the East Coast Bureau since 19 March, and submitted through FBIS Headquarters to the requestor. [redacted] 50X1
5. In connection with a specialized language training course being developed for the Army's Special Forces, at the request of Headquarters the Okinawa and German Bureaus provided tape recordings of selected Peking Radio PIA programs and Radio Volga broadcasts to Soviet forces. Dr. Katherine Garvey, Director of the project at the Human Resources Research Office, expressed appreciation for this service. The Okinawa Bureau also provided hellschreiber tapes of certain NCNA transmissions in response to a request from NSA, and taperecorded samples of a new Peking Radio Mandarin language instruction series at the request of the Director of OTR's Language and Area Study program. [redacted] 50X1
6. At the request of the Office of the DD/I, special arrangements were made to bring to the immediate attention of USIA Director Edward R. Murrow, General Lansdale of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Goodwin, all material on the Havana trial of the 1961 Cuban invasion prisoners carried by the FBIS Wire Service. [redacted] 50X1
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7. In support of a forthcoming NIS on Spain, Research Division/OBI was supplied with an RPB analysis of Radio Moscow propaganda to and about Spain, BIS statistical data on Radio Madrid broadcasting and on bloc programs in Spanish, and a two-week sample of monitored summaries of Radio Madrid prepared by the East Coast Bureau. In support of a new NIS on Korea, a review of the general content and major themes of North Korean broadcasts, prepared by the Okinawa Bureau, was also provided to OBI along with BIS information on North Korean broadcasting. [REDACTED]

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8. Radio Propaganda Reports issued:

- a. "Moscow and the Underdeveloped Areas: Efforts to Combat Growing Peking Influence" [REDACTED]
- b. "Symptoms of Disorder in Soviet Propaganda" [REDACTED]
- c. "CPR Propaganda Indicates Lags in Farm Mechanization, Hints at Reduced Soviet Aid" [REDACTED]

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9. Propaganda-analysis items on the FBIS Wire:

- a. "Moscow and Peking Handling of ~~Castro's 26 March~~ Speech Attacking Anibal Escalante" [REDACTED]
- b. "Communist Chinese Regional Radio Warns Against Theft of State Secrets" [REDACTED]
- c. "National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam Announces Central Committee Members" [REDACTED]

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10. A Special Memorandum analyzing Moscow's propaganda treatment of Soviet views on outer space law was prepared on 24-hour notice for the DCI. Copies of the memorandum were sent to the Acting DD/I and to the General Counsel.

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11. A Special Memorandum on authoritative Soviet claims since January 1960 regarding naval and particularly antisubmarine warfare capabilities was prepared for the Defensive Systems Division, OSI. Copies of this collation were sent to the DD/I and to ONE. [REDACTED]

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12. An analysis of the extent and content of communist bloc broadcasting to Greece was prepared for forwarding by the DCI to the U.S. Ambassador in Athens in response to a request for this information from the Ambassador.

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13. Statistics on Soviet, CPR, and satellite propaganda on CIA and the Director of Central Intelligence during 1961 were prepared for CI staff in

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support of a requirement levied by the Director. []

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14. Of 253 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during March, 81 (32 percent) were based solely or in part on FEIS monitoring. []

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15. During the month 88 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 12 percent to press scrutiny. []

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16. [] visited the African, Mediterranean, Austrian, German and London Bureaus 20 March - 20 April 1962. A formal FBIS - BBC Coordination Committee Meeting was held in London on 17 April 1962. []

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

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1. It would be helpful to Headquarters, particularly in answering questions from consumers, if bureaus indicated in the subslugs of Soviet or other bloc speeches the date, when known, on which the speeches were made. Confusion arises when date of broadcast does not coincide with date of delivery of the speech. A lengthy summary of a Polyanskiy election speech of 10 March, for example, was carried under a 12 March sourceline. In the absence of information to the contrary, consumers would regard the item as "Polyanskiy's 12 March speech."

2. Within recent months there have been occasional violations of handbook instructions on phrasing correction messages. Field editors should always identify substantively, and by country when necessary, any item to which a message of correction applies; otherwise there is no assurance that it will reach the appropriate section or desk in time -- or at all.

3. Monitors and editors should keep in mind the distinction between "quintal" and "centner." The former is always 100 kilograms; the latter, loosely regarded as a "hundredweight," is actually 110.23 pounds avoirdupois. To avoid confusion it is advisable to employ the term "quintal" whenever 100 kilograms is meant. If the term "centner" cannot be avoided, make clear the distinction between an ordinary centner and a double or metric centner, which is the same as a quintal. Incidentally, the word "administration" rather than "directorate" should be used in connection with the new Soviet agricultural reorganization, and "lea" instead of "ley."

4. Although the historic present tense is mandatory in daily reviews and periodic reaction reports, and is often an efficient and effective tense for other forms of capitulation, editors should feel free to employ other tenses, or to shift tenses, when general nature of the composition or internal time factors require. A survey-type roundup spanning a long period of time and covering a miscellany of sources, for example, could not be presented properly without flexibility in tense structure.

5. The Anniversary Calendar, started by TIU almost a year ago, has been completed and sent with holders to domestic and overseas bureaus. New information can be inserted in the appropriate spaces. Additional information on forthcoming events and anniversaries made known to Headquarters will be forwarded to bureaus for inclusion in the calendar.

6. Editorial Handbook revisions have been completed and will be sent to bureaus as soon as the new pages have been run off -- probably before the end of May. Chapter C has been revised in its entirety, and substitute pages will be provided for changes made in chapters A, B, D, E and the Introduction.

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LONDON BUREAU

Editors are congratulated for the manner in which the May Day slogans were handled. The bureau's adherence to standing procedures made it possible for the Daily Report and Headquarters Wire to handle the slogans with a minimum of difficulty.

MEDITERRANEAN BUREAU

The terms "reaction" and "reactionaries" under ordinary circumstances are preferable to "reactionism" and "reactionists."

OKINAWA BUREAU

The bureau is to be commended for its excellent handling of the 5 - 7 April DPRK Supreme People's Assembly proceedings, budget report, and some 15 speeches. Processing and general handling were exemplary in every respect.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. Bureaus are reminded that priorities listed in the coverage schedule are processing priorities. Priority one coverage must be processed and usually as expeditiously as possible; however, with consent of Headquarters processing of specific coverage may be delayed.

2. To make Monthly Production Report figures more meaningful bureaus are requested to compute their daily average words monitored in the following manner, irrespective of the actual days per week the bureau is in operation: total hours monitored per week divided by seven.

3. The move into the African Bureau new Operations Building near Kaduna has been completed.

4. The Chief, Engineering Staff, visited Key West during March to locate a suitable site for a combined voice monitoring and television video tape recording operation. A site fully meeting FBIS requirements was found on the U. S. Naval Station. Plans for the rehabilitation of an existing building and construction of the necessary facilities has been completed, and the project will be implemented with FY 1962 funds.

5. The London Bureau elevator project has been completed.

6. The Okinawa Bureau cruising room has been moved to the northwest wing of the Operations Building in the area formerly occupied by the electronics shop. The cruising console remains essentially unchanged.

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ADMINISTRATION

1. Health Insurance for Alien Employees. Alien employees can apply for health insurance at any time as long as the application is accompanied by health statement Form 1676. If an employee applies for health insurance within 60 days after EOD, no health statement is needed.

2. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were disseminated:

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3. Notwithstanding the effective date used by the Department of State, revised local wage schedules may not be implemented by Bureaus until approval is received from FBIS Headquarters.

Personnel

1. New Employees

Assignment

Electronic Specialist
East Coast Bureau

Propaganda Analysis Officer
Bloc Internal Affairs Section
Radio Propaganda Branch

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2. Reassignments

From

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Broadcast Monitor
(Multi)
West Coast Bureau

Senior Editor
Tokyo Bureau

Broadcast Moni
(Multi)
East Coast Bureau

Senior Editor
Wire Service Section
Editorial Branch

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German Bureau

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West Coast Bureau

Editor
London Bureau

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USSR & EE Section
Editorial Branch

Editor
USSR & EE Section
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